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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DONAT-CATTIN VIEWS ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION

1. DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR ON MAY 12, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE DONAT-CATTIN GAVE HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT INTER-PARTY DISCUSSIONS ON A POSSIBLE "PROGRAMMATIC ACCORD." DONAT-CATTIN INDICATED CONCERN THAT THE DC WOULD NOT SHOW SUFFICIENT FIRMNESS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY WITH THE PCI. HE FEARED THAT DESIRE OF DC MEMBERS TO REMAIN IN POWER (SITUATION HE ASSERTED WAS MORE PREVALENT IN SOUTHERN ITALY) WOULD LEAD THEM TO ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH PCI, WHICH WOULD CREATE CONFUSION OF ROLES AND PROBABLY RESULT IN PCI GAINING PLURALITY IN NEXT ELECTION.

2. ACCORDING TO DONAT-CATTIN, DC IS NOT MAKING PRECISE DEMANDS ON LABOR COSTS ISSUE. ON OTHER HAND, PCI IS MAKING DEMANDS ON (A) MONTEDISON, WHERE IT IS PRESSING FOR ARRANGEMENT WHICH
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WOULD EFFECTIVELY PUT COMPANY UNDER STATE CONTROL, AND (B) RATIONING OF VARIOUS PRODUCTS, INCLUDING MEAT, GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL.

3. INTERNALLY, THERE ARE SHARP CONTRASTS WITHIN THE DC BECAUSE THE LEFT WING FEELS IT IS BEING PRESSURED INTO TAKING MODERATE POSITIONS BY THE CENTER AND RIGHT WING, WHICH ARE MORE AGREE-

ABLE TO SOME FORM OF ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PCI.GARDNER

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